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SUBJ: NATO DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

1. LATEST VERSION OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMORANDUM
ON BASIC STATISTICAL DATA ON DEFENSE EFFORT AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NATO COUNTRIES (ISM(73)11 POUCHED)
PROVIDES MOST RECENT ESTIMATES ON COUNTRY DEFENSE
SPENDING BY CALENDAR YEAR. EXPENDITURE DATA ARE BASED ON
COUNTRY REPLIES TO DPQ(73). AS IS NORMAL PRACTICE,
ISM(73)11 DOES NOT PROVIDE DATA BEYOND CURRENT YEAR;
I.E. 1973.

2. FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES, WE REPORT BELOW COUNTRY
ESTIMATES FOR 1974:

ESTIMATED CY 1974

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COUNTRY	(IN \$ MILLIONS)(A)(B)	SOURCE
BELGIUM	1,388	DPQ(73)
DENMARK	661	USNATO ESTIMATE BASED ON DPC/D

		(73)23, DENMARK
FRANCE	9,937	DATA PROVIDED USNATO
		BY IS
FRG	12,257	DPC/D(73)23, GERMANY
GREECE	691	DPQ(73)
ITALY	4,199	DPQ73
LUXEMBOURG	17	DPQ(73)
NETHERLANDS	2,118	DPQ(73)
NORWAY	647	DPQ(73)
PORTUGAL	672	DPQ(73)
TURKEY	1,029	DPQ(73)
UK	8,812	USNATO ESTIMATE

DPC EUROPEAN MEMBERS 32,491
NATO EUROPEAN MEMBERS 42,428

(A) NATIONAL CURRENCIES HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO
\$ US DOLLARS ON BASIS OF 1973 EXCHANGE RATES THAT APPEAR IN
ISM(73)11.

(B) ESTIMATES DO NOT INCLUDE ALL ANTICIPATED
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO COVER PAY AND PRICE INCREASES.

3. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF \$42,428 MILLION FOR NATO
EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES IN 1974 IS APPROXIMATELY \$2,400
MILLION HIGHER THAN 1973 SPENDING LEVEL FOR NATO EUROPE
OF \$40,025 MILLION THAT APPEARS IN ISM(73)11.

4. DPC EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES (NATO EUROPE LESS FRANCE)
ARE PROJECTED TO INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING IN 1974 BY ABOUT
\$1,650 MILLION OVER 1973 LEVEL OF \$30,844 MILLION THAT APPEARS
IN ISM(73)11.

5. WE UNDERSTAND EUROGROUP CHAIRMAN WILL REPORT TO DEFENSE
MINISTERS AT DECEMBER 7 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING THAT EUROGROUP
MEMBERS (ALL NATO EUROPE COUNTRIES EXCEPT FRANCE AND PORTUGAL)
WILL INCREASE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BY ABOUT \$2 BILLION IN
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1974 OVER 1973 SPENDING LEVEL. EUROGROUP ESTIMATE OF \$2 BILLION
DOES INCLUDE PENDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR PAY AND PRICE
INCREASES. RUMSFELD

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